

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/608,022

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 8-21, 24-31, 36-43 and 48.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's communication filed on January 20, 2006. Amendments to claim 1 have been entered. Rejections made under 35 USC 112, second paragraph in the last office action have been withdrawn in view of the amendments. Double Patenting rejections made in the last office action have been withdrawn in view of the terminal disclaimer. Claims 1-3, 8-21, 24-31, 36-43 and 48 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

3. The prior art of record (Wolff et al, US Patent 6,081,261 in view of Bennett et al, US Patent 5,051,736) teaches a method and an apparatus for enabling an auction buyer to submit a bid the method including the steps of: providing to the auction buyer, a printed paper form containing visible information relating to a bid transaction and invisible coded data indicative of an identity of the printed form and of a plurality of reference points identifying a plurality of unique locations on the printed form, the printed form being provided to the auction buyer by printing the form, using a printer; receiving, in the computer system, indicating data from a sensing device regarding the identity of a printed paper form and a position of the sensing device relative to the printed form, the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the form, sensing at least some of the coded data and generating, using the sensed coded the indicating data; and identifying, in the computer system and from the indicating data and the association, at least one parameter relating to the bid transaction.

Even though, the prior art of record teaches a method and an apparatus for enabling an auction buyer to submit a bid for performing the above mentioned steps, the prior art of record

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fails to teach the step wherein a computer system records, at the time of printing the form, an association between the type and spatial extent of the coded data and the spatial extent of at least some of the visible information. For these reasons claims 1 and 29 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record, and claims 2-3, 8-21, 24-28, 30-31, 36-43 and 48 are allowed by way of dependency on the allowed claim.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(a) Pastor et al (US Patent 4,891,750) (January 2, 1990) Optical Character Recognition by Forming and Detecting Matrices of Geo Features

(b) Djuknic et al (US Patent 6,964,374 B1) (November 15, 2005) Retrieval and Manipulation of electronically Stored Information Via Pointers Embedded in the Associated Printed Material

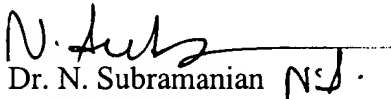
(c) Dymetman et al (US Patent 6,330,976 B1) (December 18, 2001) Marking Medium Area with Encoded Identifier for Producing Action Through Network

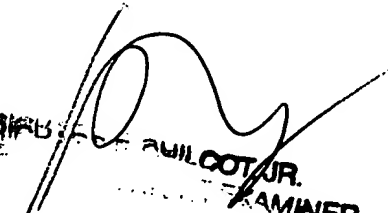
(d) Richards et al (US Patent 6,539,361 B1) (March 25, 2003) Automated Banking Machine System Using Plural Communication Formats

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Narayanswamy Subramanian whose telephone number is (571) 272-6751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung Sub Sough can be reached at (571) 272-6799. The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft to the Patent Office is (571) 273-8300.

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